**First Grade Weekly Newsletter**

**Room 108 Ms. Andrade**

**September 30, 2013**

**First Grade at Home**

* Since students are being tested on spelling words and sight words it is important that your child practices spelling these words.
* Please work with your child on his or her homework. The expectation is that homework is returned completed on Mondays.
* Reading with or to your child is another expectation. Complete the reading log and return daily with the behavior sheet.

**Important Dates**

* **Picture Day-** Thursday, October 3rd
* **Parent-Teacher Conferences-** Monday, October 14th 11am-7pm
* **No School for Students**- Tuesday, October 15th Assessment Day/Teacher Planning Day

**What We Are Learning**

**Literacy**- We have been asked to put the literacy curriculum on hold for the next couple of weeks due to interim testing. Therefore, we will review all the concepts and skills of the last two weeks.

**Math**- We have begun Unit 2 in the *Everyday Math* curriculum. Our focus this week is counting forward and backward on a number grid, identifying different ways to make 10, and telling time to the hour.

**Science**- This week we begin our Weather unit in science. The lessons begin with a discussion on the four seasons. Students will learn this week what “doing science” looks, sounds, and feels like. They will learn how to use a thermometer to measure temperature and practice/experiment using a thermometer to measure the temperature of cold and hot water and the air.

**Assessments**: Every week of the *Treasures* curriculum there will be a weekly test and a spelling test. At the end of the 6-week unit there will be a unit test. At the end of a math unit there will be a unit test. Here is the grading scale: Weekly & Unit test Advanced (A) 90%-100%, Proficient (P) 89%-69%, Partially Proficient (PP) 68%-40%, Unsatisfactory (U) 39% or lower. Spelling tests are graded as follows: A 90%-100%, P 70%-80%, PP 40%-60%, U 30% or lower.

**Student of the Week**

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**Announcements**

* Let me clear up some of the confusion about start time. Our day starts at 8:30am. If you come after 8:30am your child will be marked late. If your child is having breakfast at school they MUST arrive at 8:15. On Tuesdays and Thursdays teachers have professional development until 8:45. Therefore, ECE-2nd grade students will eat breakfast from 8:15 -8:30 then go to the auditorium until teachers pick them up at 8:45am. 3-5th grade students will go to the auditorium from 8:15-8:30 then eat breakfast at 8:30 until their teachers pick them up at 8:45am. There is no morning recess and students still need to arrive on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30am (or 8:15 if they are eating breakfast at school). Hope this helps!
* Please sign up for conferences as soon as possible. I sent a sign up sheet on Monday.
* Hallett’s website <http://hallett.dpsk12.org>